ALIGNING CONTENT IN AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT

Abstract of the Disclosure

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Aligning the contents of document objects on an electronic document page. Organizing a page of document objects so textual content is aligned to natural eye scanning patterns promotes readership and usability. When a user creates a new island of text, the new text can be snapped into alignment with an existing island of

10   text. Invisible guidelines that emanate from textual features in a document object can provide a relative alignment reference that floats with the position of the object on the page. In response to placing a content insertion point ("IP") on an electronic page with an existing document object, the IP can be automatically aligned to the content of the existing document object. A page with several arbitrarily positioned document

15   objects can be automatically rearranged so that the contents of the document objects are each aligned to one another.